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June 5, 1957

Dear Judge Carroll:

I know that you must be very concerned because of my failure to reply to your very interesting letter of May 14th, 1957. However, I was unable until now to reply for two reasons:

The first one was that I wished to be absolutely certain that the Navy Department was aware of the fact that I had received an invitation to be Grand Marshal of a parade during the annual Aquatennial in your city.

Secondly, I was expecting to receive a letter from Mr. Erickson extending a formal invitation to me. Mr. Erickson, however, has not done so to date, although it was only this morning that I received a thorough approval from the Navy Department should you desire to have me as the Grand Marshal.

I am therefore writing to you to accept the invitation, in relation to the parade, which you have extended. However, because of the unfortunate delay on my part, I feel that you may have necessarily invited someone else, in which case I will understand thoroughly and gladly withdraw.

I understand that the Aquatennial is quite an event and, as I think the Cruiser MINNEAPOLIS was something "out of this world" also, I feel that the tie-in of the two could be a very successful and delightful undertaking.

Please convey my sincere apologies to Mr. Erickson and to anyone else who may have been adversely affected by my delay.

New subject. At the present time Global Strategy is in full swing and I recall that it was about this same time last year that I had the privilege of meeting you. So, with this letter and with today's Global Strategy, I am reminded once again of our acquaintanceship and of the interesting contribution the presence of yourself and other guests provided during the Global Strategy discussions to the students and staff of the Naval War College.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

~~My~~ Paul S. Carroll, Judge
District Court
Minneapolis, Minn.

0452

14 June 1957

Dear Jimmy:

During the war I commanded the USS MINNEAPOLIS for about one year (1943-44). During this time the MINNEAPOLIS engaged in operations for the seizure of the Gilberts, Kwajalein, an attack on Truk, the seizure of Hollandia, etc. I have five battle flags which were flown by the MINNEAPOLIS during certain of these actions.

During Global Strategy a year ago, Judge Paul S. Carroll, of the District Court in Minneapolis, was here and discovered the above facts.

I have now been invited to be the Grand Marshal of the city's annual Aquatennial Grande Day Parade, the Guest of Honor at the Queen's Review Banquet, and to present the subject flags at the Legislators' Luncheon (all of this is to take place during July 19th and 20th of this year). This invitation I have accepted as I think that it is good publicity for the Navy.

It seems to me, since all of the correspondence I receive is addressed to me as "Rear Admiral, USN(Ret)", that I should attend this event in the capacity of a Rear Admiral rather than as a Commodore.

I say this because, although Judge Carroll knows that I am on active duty as a Commodore, nevertheless he and others persist in addressing me by my retired status.

I, Admiral Robbins, and I think Admiral Taylor (CHINFO) also--I referred it to Admiral Taylor when he was here during Global Strategy--feel that it would be better, from a public relations viewpoint, if I went as Rear Admiral.

I would like your opinion in this matter and I will follow your wishes.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

VADM J. L. Holloway, Jr., USN

0453

14 June 1957

Dear Savvy:

I have been asked by the Executive Secretary of the Minneapolis Aquatennial Association to be their Grand Marshal of the Grande Day Parade on Saturday, July 20th. I accepted this invitation because (a) I was a Commanding Officer of the MINNEAPOLIS in World War II, (b) have five battle flags which were flown by her in the movement of our fleet across the Western Pacific, and (c) have offered to present these flags to the city.

I assume that it is for that reason that I have been invited and it is for that reason that I have accepted.

Since Minneapolis is within your Naval District, I feel that you should be the first one informed relative thereto. My tentative schedule follows:

"Friday, July 19th - Afternoon arrival at Wold-Chamberlain Airport. Proceed to quarters at Hotel Leamington.

Guest of Honor at Queen's Review Banquet.

Saturday, July 20th- Report to Parade Stadium at 8:30 AM. Serve as Grand Marshal of Day Parade.

Proceed to Legislators Day luncheon for presentation of battle flags to city officials.

Afternoon reserved for your pleasure.

Evening entertainment to be planned.

Sunday, July 21st - Departure at your convenience."

There are certain matters about this that are of concern to me. One is the question of the proper uniform to be worn. As a Guest of Honor at the Queen's Review Banquet, I presume that I should wear Dinner Dress Blue B. I do not have the Evening Dress Blue B.

0454

14 June 1957

It is my thought that on Saturday, as Grand Marshal, I should wear "Khakis"; however, you may recommend "Whites".

I am asking you these questions because I desire to conform in every way to the policies set down by yourself as Commandant.

If you have any thoughts in this matter, I should appreciate hearing them. For example, what, exactly, is the Aquatennial--it seems to me to be a sort of Mardi Gras. This seems so because of the reference to the Queen. (I hope she is a darling; you know I'm a bachelor!)

An additional point of interest to me, in reference to my program, and in addition to the question of uniform, is the fact that I am a Guest of Honor at the Queen's Review Banquet--does this mean that I should have an address ready? If so, along what lines? I can talk "off the cuff" with no effort at all in a situation of this kind, but they may want something more than "off the cuff". I should prefer not making a speech if I can avoid it because I am frightfully busy here. Perhaps there are many Guests of Honor.

As for the Legislators' Day luncheon (July 20th) at which time the flags are to be presented (this seems tentative), my talk there would be short and would refer to the action in which each of the flags were flown.

Outside of that, I missed you at Global Strategy this year. It was too bad, as you usually attended.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

RADM E. P. Forrestel, USN
Commandant, NINTH Naval District
Great Lakes, Ill.

0455

22 June 1957

Dear Mr. Erickson:

My reply to you may seem a little belated but the Naval War College had just held both graduation and its Global Strategy discussion, which took most of us out of circulation. To cap that our public information officer then went on leave and will not return until next Monday. So I had to write to Washington to get the history of the MINNEAPOLIS and my own biography (here enclosed). If you need a condensed biography you will find it in "Who's Who in America" and in "American Scholars", Third Edition, recently published.

I will send you on Monday a series of pictures which I hope you will find useful. One of them shows Admiral Nimitz decorating me with the Legion of Merit for my service in command of the MINNEAPOLIS. Another one shows me just after I had been decorated with the Navy Cross for my work in the Battle of Surigao Strait, where the force of which I was chief of staff destroyed in night battle the Japanese Third Section, sinking, among other ships, two battleships (FUSO and YAMASHIRO). One picture is a photo of the MINNEAPOLIS during the time I commanded her. Although she was a 10,000 ton cruiser she was camouflaged as a destroyer. This picture shows that the camouflage was very successful; it not only fooled the enemy but also fooled ourselves.

Captain Gill has written me about setting up a flight to bring me to Minneapolis. However, I have not as yet decided to accept Captain Gill's offer as I may decide to fly "commercial air" rather than naval air. I will write to Captain Gill about this shortly and I will also inform you of my intentions in this matter.

For your information I am coming out to Minneapolis as a Rear Admiral. I am telling you this because although you perhaps know this, I am on duty at the War College as the only commodore on active duty in the navy. I am in reality a Rear Admiral and I have been directed by the Navy to go to Minneapolis as a Rear Admiral. I am glad of this because it will prevent confusion.

0456

I have written to Rear Admiral Forrestel, Commandant NINEH Naval District, located at Great Lakes, Illinois about my proposed visit to Minneapolis because I will be in his area. I have heard nothing from him but it is possible that you have.

In looking over your schedule I noticed several things which I should like to know more about. I notice that on Friday night, July 19th, I am a guest of honor at the Queen's Review Banquet. I don't know exactly what this entails but I presume that there will be more than one guest of honor. I also notice that it is planned that I may present the battle flags to the city officials on Saturday at a luncheon. Both of these items are quite satisfactory to me. I should like to know though if I am expected in these cases to make any remarks. I expect, of course, to make some remarks with the presentation of the flags. It was my thought that perhaps you would like me as I presented each flag to tell something of the action in which that flag was flown. If so, for about how long?

For your information some years ago I spoke before a society in Newport on my cruise in the MINNEAPOLIS during World War II. My address which is in narrative form and therefore not heavy, is about 22 pages long, double-spaced. I can send you a copy of this (modified slightly to fit your situation) and you can tell me whether you want to keep it for your own purposes or whether you would prefer that I deliver it (or something like it) myself.

I am not asking to make any addresses because I am very busy in preparing the final pages of my Volume III on the Battle for Leyte Gulf which I am presently writing at the Naval War College. As this is due at the Government Printing Office in July you can see why it is that I would like my labors in the formal speaking field kept at a minimum. I am quite happy to speak "off the cuff."

I hope that during this coming week you will receive all of the material I have available and will find it entirely satisfactory for your purposes.

Looking forward to seeing you in Minneapolis presently, I am with best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Roy K. Erickson
Executive Secretary
Minneapolis Aquatennial Association
116 Times Building, Marquette at 4th
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota.

0457

25 June 1957

Dear Captain Gill:

It certainly was nice of you to offer to set up a cross-country training flight in order to provide transportation for me to Minneapolis. I appreciate your offer very much and may accept it.

I don't know too much about the Aquatennial celebration and I am not at all sure exactly how much luggage I should carry. However, if your training flight will be made by a large plane, this will present no problem. On the other hand, if I go via commercial airliner there would be an extra charge for the equipment that I may require.

Therefore, it seems possible that, if your plane has adequate accommodations, your offer would be the best.

I have written to my old friend, Admiral Forrestel, in an effort to obtain some information about the Aquatennial (i.e., to discover the proper uniform in the area, etc.) and I have heard nothing from him to date.

Would you be kind enough to provide me with the following information:

- a. Uniform to be worn as Grand Marshal of the Aquatennial parade;
- b. Type transportation provided Grand Marshal in the parade (an automobile seems likely--my posterior would find a horse's seat difficult and anyway I think that this has long been out of date);
- c. Uniform to be worn as Guest of Honor at the Queen's Review Banquet.

0458

25 June 1957

As regards the problem of uniforms, for your information I do not have the Evening Dress Blue Baker (tails); however I have a few white and several khaki and blue uniforms.

As you perhaps know, I am bringing five battle flags flown in action by the heavy cruiser MINNEAPOLIS during World War II which I shall present to the City of Minneapolis. The space that the container (in which the flags are in) will occupy is not great--about 14"x14"x8" or thereabouts.

I am certain that I shall enjoy the whole event greatly.

Finally, Mr. Erickson has suggested that I stay at a hotel (Leamington) in town. You have suggested the BOQ. I would appreciate your reaction in this regard.

With best regards, and with thanks for your thoughtfulness, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Captain F. F. Gill, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer
U.S. Naval Air Station
Minneapolis, Minnesota

0459

27 June 1957

Dear Mr. Erickson:

In accordance with my promise here are three pictures which you may find satisfactory for your needs. What they are is explained on the back of them. The photo showing Admiral Mimitz decorating me was for command of the MINNEAPOLIS. The one showing me displaying the Navy Cross was taken right after I had been awarded the Navy Cross for my work in the Battle of Surigao Strait in the Battle for Leyte Gulf. At this time our command sank two Japanese battleships (FUSO and YAMASHIRO) in night action. The third picture, of course, is the heavy cruiser MINNEAPOLIS camouflaged as a destroyer. The camouflage was very effective.

I will send some other pictures later.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Roy K. Erickson
Executive Secretary
Minneapolis Aquatennial Ass'n
116 Times Building, Marquette at 4th
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

0460

July 3, 1957

Dear Mr. Erickson:

Here are the additional pictures which you requested and which I hope you will find satisfactory. One is a photograph of the MINNEAPOLIS before the war. You will note that she is not camouflaged, but is painted in Navy gray. The MINNEAPOLIS which I commanded and which you have in camouflage was a rebuilt MINNEAPOLIS so that the upper works in particular are in variance with the earlier picture.

I am also sending you herewith the color transparencies for which you asked. Three are in white uniform, three in khaki and one in blue. The latter is a transparency of a portrait done by a film studio in New York. I hope that this is enough material for your needs. I should appreciate your courtsey if you will use them on loan as I desire to retain them for myself. As regards the transparencies in white uniform, I think it would be well--if you plan to use them for publicity purposes--to block off the lower half.

I wish to apologize if I bothered you about air travel. I had no intention of asking the Aquatennial to provide me with air transportation as I hope to travel under orders. Captain Gill wrote me a very nice letter thereon. I have replied to ask what plane he plans to use for my transportation. If the plane is comfortable and reasonably fast I shall be very happy to go with him.

0461

I have just received an invitation from the Navy League to visit them at 4:30 P.M. on the 19th and go to the Minikahda Club. Having a great regard for the Navy League I am going to accept this invitation tentatively. If you have any reason to feel that I should not accept I hope that you will advise me.

I must say that I am looking forward to my visit very much. The city of Minneapolis appeared very early in my life as my father lived there in 1880 for about one year, after which he went out to the Montana frontier. I didn't appear until some time later in San Francisco. Nevertheless, my father spoke very highly of his affection for your city (which at that time was not very large).

With hopes that everything is satisfactory, I am,

Very Sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Roy K. Erickson
Executive Secretary
Minneapolis Aquatennial Ass'n
116 Times Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

0462

July 9, 1957

Dear Captain Gill:

This letter is to thank you very much for your letter of 29 June wherein you gave me all of the necessary information.

I have decided to go with you so I shall look forward to seeing you at the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, R.I. in time to leave at eight o'clock on Friday the 19th.

I hope that you will make sure that I have the accommodations at the Leamington. For a moment it seemed possible that I might stay at the BOQ, but I personally prefer the Leamington because it is in town.

This question of white uniforms is difficult. My uniforms are tight. I am trying to have them let out. Although I have lost weight I am still heavy. I will have three suits but whether they will be old ones or new will be determined by the tailor whom I am consulting today.

I will wear for the parade the large medals, sword and white gloves which you recommend, and I will wear service dress white at the dinner. There is a change to Navy Regulations--at least I understand that there is--which says that miniature medals should be worn, or can be worn in the evening, and I thought perhaps this might be appropriate. I understand from your letter that you expect me to wear ribbons rather than the miniatures.

0463

Could you tell me what this Legislators' Day luncheon is at which I am to deliver a speech. I am presenting five battle flags and I was told to speak from ten to fifteen minutes.

I plan to depart on Sunday unless you would prefer to start earlier, but this we can determine when we get there.

Best regards and many thanks for your kindness,
I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Captain F. F. Gill, USN
U.S. Naval Air Station
Minneapolis, Minnesota

0464

July 9, 1957

Sir:

Your very kind letter of June 27th arrived on schedule. Needless to say I am very happy to accept the invitation tendered therein.

I am greatly enthused about the Navy League and feel that it is vitally important in our national makeup. I know many of its members throughout the country, and have always rated them to be citizens par excellence.

I note in the list of officers that the Judge Advocate is Judge Paul Carroll, with whom I have carried on some correspondence, and who is responsible in a large way, I presume, for my appearance in Minneapolis.

During our global strategy discussions this year at the Naval War College, there were about forty members of the Navy League present and they held several rousing meetings. Since they came from all over the United States I think they were very helpful to Admiral Bergen; your present president.

I have notified Mr. Erickson of my acceptance of this invitation, so that should make that part simpler.

Needless to say I look forward to my visit to Minneapolis with intense anticipation. As I told Mr. Erickson, my father was in Minneapolis in 1880, and therefore Minneapolis, besides other great qualities, has a touch of romance to me. I know that the entire area is wonderful with its many lakes and I shall enjoy myself greatly.

0465

With many thanks to you and to the Navy League,
I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Leslie W. Myers
President, Minneapolis Council
Navy League of the United States
Benson Optical Company
Medical Arts Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

0466

July 10, 1957

Dear Captain Gill,

I feel that perhaps you would like to know that I don't play golf anymore. I developed a heart condition at the end of the war which stopped my active career, and although I have been on active duty ever since, I am still classed as disabled.

What I would like to do is to drive around and see the Minneapolis area, which, from all accounts, is beautiful.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Captain F. F. Gill, USN
U.S. Naval Air Station
Minneapolis, Minnesota

0467

July 17, 1957

Dear Captain Gill:

I have received your letter of 13 July and appreciate it greatly. You have been of considerable help to me and were it not for you I would have very little idea of what I am to do. However, despite this, I look forward to this trip with a great deal of interest and know that I will enjoy it.

I am writing to you though to being out that there is some error in your information regarding the presentation of the flags. I am planning to present five battle flags. I have prepared a little speech thereon and the whole speech will not take fifteen minutes. Privately, between you and me, I want to use the opportunity of presenting these battle flags to discuss in a limited way the operations of the MINNEAPOLIS during the time she flew these flags and to tie it all in with the operations of carrier task forces and sea power. I therefore hope that your information about these flags is erroneous. I hate to bother you further, but I hope that you will tell those responsible that I am bringing five flags as agreed upon long ago and I hope to have the privilege of presenting all five. A copy of my planned remarks is herewith enclosed.

I shall look forward to seeing you on Friday morning and to make your acquaintance. I know that we shall have a pleasant trip and perhaps you will be able to brief me on any matters you think I should be familiar with.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Captain F.F. Gill, USN
U.S. Naval Air Station
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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MINNEAPOLIS AQUATENNIAL
1957

Itinerary for Admiral R W Bates

Friday, July 19

3:00 pm Arrival at US Naval Air Station. Proceed to assigned quarters at Hotel Leamington.

4:30-7:00 pm Navy League Cocktail Party, Reception at Minnikahda Club.

7:15 pm Proceed to Calhoun Beach Hotel for Aquatennial Kickoff Party

Saturday, July 20

8:30 am Proceed to Parade Stadium to serve as Grand Marshal for Day Parade.

*12 Noon Legislators' Day Luncheon - Hotel Leamington

Afternoon Free for your pleasure.

*5:30 pm Legislators' Day Banquet - Hotel Leamington

8:30 pm Option of attending Music Under the Stars with Legislators or Aqua Follies

11:00 pm Hospitality Room - Hotel Leamington

Sunday, July 21

Morning Departure from US Naval Air Station.

* Presentation of battle flags to be made at one of these functions.

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MINNEAPOLIS AQUATENNIAL ASSOCIATION

1957 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Junior Queen and Commodore Coronation, Excelsior Park, 4 pm
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
Roving Units, Faribault, 1:30 pm
Roving Units, Anoka, 7 pm

MONDAY, JULY 15

Aqua Putt Grand Opening, Centennial Plaza, all day
Badminton Tournament, University Armory, Juniors 9 am to 4:30 pm
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
Roving Units, Masonic Home, 7 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
Organ Contest, Mt Olivet Lutheran Church
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
Roving Units, General Hospital, 3 pm
Roving Units, Jones Harrison Home, 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Aqua Follies Premiere, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
Accordion Solo Contest, Minnehaha Park, Class C and D, 8 am
Walker Art Center Program, Classic Film, "The Bank Dick," with W C Fields, 8 pm
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
Accordion Solo Contest, Minnehaha Park, Class A and B, 8 am
Accordion Band Contest, Minnehaha Park, 1 pm
Popular Singing Contest, WTCN Studios, Calhoun Beach Hotel, 6 pm
Instrument Contest, Hotel Leamington, 5:30 pm
Baton Twirling Championship Contest, Minnehaha Park, 8 pm
Band Jamboree, Downtown Hotels, 7 pm
Aqua Teen Dance, Minneapolis Armory, 8:30 pm
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
Lake Harriet Program, Minneapolis Pops Orchestra, 8 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 20 LEGISLATORS' DAY

Grande Day Parade, Parade Stadium, featuring Stadium Spectacular at 8:30 am
 Starring Jim Arness, "Marshall Matt Dillon" of CBS-Television's "Gunsmoke"
 plus Roosevelt High Rockettes, Obedience Dogs, Midget Car Racing and All
 Local TV Personalities-T N Tatters, Commodore Cappy Johnny 44, Casey Jones,
 Axel and His Dog
 Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
 Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
 Lake Activities, Lake Calhoun, afternoon and evening starting at 1 pm
 Bait Casting, 1 pm; One-Mile Swim, 5:30 pm; Suburban Firemen's Water Ball
 Battle, 1:30 pm; Water Ski Tournament, all day
 Lake Harriet Program, "Carmen Jones," 8 pm
 Walker Art Center Program: Chalk Parade, 1:30 pm and 3 pm; Tours of Center;
 Classic Film, "A Night at the Opera," with Marx Brothers, 1:30 pm and 3 pm
 Concert Band Contest, Lake Harriet Band Shell, 2:30 pm
 Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, Singles Finals, Men and Boys, all day
 Music Under the Stars, Bloomington Stadium, 8:30 pm
 Badminton Tournament, University Armory, 9 am
 Garden Court Show, Southdale Center, 3 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
 Lake Activities Program, Lake Calhoun, all afternoon and evening, starting at 1 pm
 Three Mile Swim, 10 am; Senior Bait Casting, 10 am; Junior Bait Casting,
 1 pm; Outboard Motor Boat Races, 1 pm; Boy Scout Obstacle Race, 6 pm;
 Suburban Firemen's Water Ball Battle, 1:30 pm; Water Ski Tournament,
 all day; Turtle Derby Finals, 1:30 pm; Blue Jacket Choir, 3 pm
 Gigantic Fireworks Display, Lake Calhoun, 10 pm
 Interdenominational Religious Service, Wirth Pool, 9 am, Speaker, Dr Elmer
 Hjortland of Oak Park, Illinois
 Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, Singles Finals, Women and Girls, all day
 Table Tennis Tournament, Downtown YMCA, 12 noon
 Roving Units, Minnehaha Park, 3 pm
 Roving Units, Lake Harriet, 7 pm
 Geneva Club Banquet, Hotel Nicollet, 6 pm
 Lake Harriet Program, US Navy Blue jacket Choir, 2 pm
 Lake Harriet Program, Roving Units, 7 pm

MONDAY, JULY 22

NBC-Television Program, "Truth or Consequences," starring Bob Barker, originating
 live from Southdale Center's Garden Court, 10 am
 Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
 Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
 10,000 Lakes Swimming and Diving Meet, Interlachen Pool, all day
 Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
 Canopy Show, L S Donaldson Company, 12:30 pm
 Garden Court Shows, Southdale Center, 3 pm and 7 pm
 Lake Harriet Program, "Mikado," 8 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 23

NBC-Television Program, "Truth or Consequences," starring Bob Barker, originating
 live from Southdale Center's Garden Court, 10 am
 Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30

Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
 Children's Day, Powderhorn Park, featuring local TV personalities, Treasure Hunt
 10,000 Lakes Swimming and Diving Meet, Interlachen Pool, all day
 Aquatennial Wrestling Show, Auditorium, featuring Leo Nomellini, 8:30 pm
 Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
 Walker Art Center Program: Painting Picnic, 2:30 tp 4 pm; Doc Evans Dixieland
 Jazz Concert, Courtyard, 8 pm
 Canopy Show, L S Donaldson Company, 12:30 pm
 Garden Court Show, Southdale Center, 3 pm
 Lake Harriet Program, Shrine Night, 8 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 MAYORS' DAY

Torchlight Parade, Parade Stadium, featuring Stadium Spectacular at 7:30 pm
 Featuring U S Marine Corps Band from Quantico, Virginia; Roosevelt
 Rockettes, Other Outstanding Acts
 NBC-Television Program, "Truth or Consequences," starring Bob Barker, originating
 live from Southdale Center's Garden Court, 10 am
 Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
 Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
 Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
 Canopy Show, L S Donaldson Company, 12:30 pm
 Garden Court Show, Southdale Center, 3 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
 Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
 Council of Civic Clubs Queens Review Luncheon, Hotel Radisson, 12 Noon. (Tickets
 at \$2.50 per person on sale at Aqua Ticket Office in NW Bank Lobby)
 Canopy Show, L S Donaldson Company, 12:30 pm
 Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
 Walker Art Center Program: Children's Workshop "Queens and Cut-ups," 2:30 pm
 Classic Film, "Arsenic and Old Lace," starring Gary Grant at 2:30 and 8 pm
 Garden Court Shows, Southdale Center, 3 pm and 7 pm
 Lake Harriet Program, Bloomington City Band, 8 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 26 EDITORS' DAY

Star Night and Coronation, Municipal Auditorium, 8 pm featuring selection of 1958
 Queen of the Lakes and stars of stage, screen and television
 NBC-Television Program, "Truth or Consequences," starring Bob Barker, originating
 live from Southdale Center's Garden Court, 10 am
 Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
 Aqua Putt, Centennial Plaza, all day
 Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, all day
 Canopy Show, L S Donaldson Company, 12:30 pm
 Sailing Regatta, Lake Calhoun, 10 am and 2 pm
 Garden Court Shows, Southdale Center, 3 pm and 7 pm
 Lake Harriet Program, Elks Chanters Champion Chorus, 8 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trials, Widsten School Grounds, Wayzata,
all day
Woodhill Horse Show, Woodhill Country Club, all day
Sailing Regatta, Lake Calhoun, 2 pm
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, Men's and Boys Doubles Finals, all day
Garden Court Shows, Southdale Center, 12 Noon and 3 pm
Lake Harriet Program, Aqua Music Contest "Winners' Night," 8 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Aqua Follies, Wirth Pool, 8:30 pm
Sailing Regatta, Lake Calhoun, 10 am and 2 pm
Tennis Tournament, Nicollet Field, Women's and Girls Doubles, all day
Bicycle Racing, Parade Stadium, all day
Lake Harriet Program, 2 pm
Lake Harriet Program, "Strauss Night," 8 pm

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UNIT DESCRIPTION AND ORDER
FOR 1957 AQUATENNIAL DAY PARADE

1. THE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE MOTORCYCLE ESCORT which traditionally starts the Grande Parade, clearing the streets of spectators and heralding the approach of the Minneapolis Police Band.
2. THE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE BAND. Led by C. Kenneth Beach, this band has led off all 18 Aquatennial Parades. They're dressed in police uniform.
3. MASSED COLORS, VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. All American Legion and VFW posts have been invited to send their color guards.
4. CONVERTIBLE. GRAND MARSHALL REAR ADMIRAL R.W. BATES. Admiral Bates commanded the navy cruiser Minneapolis in World War II combat and comes to the Aquatennial from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. A native of San Francisco, Bates was awarded the Legion of Merit and two gold stars for his World War II service. He also wears the Navy Cross.
5. CONVERTIBLE. MAYOR P. KENNETH PETERSON AND HIS WIFE, JEAN.
6. GOPHER POST AMERICAN LEGION BAND AND COLOR GUARD. They're the 1956 Day Parade Champion Band. George C. Krieger is director. They're wearing pearl gray coats, dark blue trousers and caps. The Gopher Post Band has 46 members.
7. CONVERTIBLE, AQUATENNIAL PRESIDENT F.W. MITCHELL. Mitchell has spearheaded the planning of some 120 events of the 10-day summer festival. He's been a Twin City Lincoln-Mercury dealer for ten years and long active in civic affairs. Currently he serves as a member of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He is married and has one daughter.
8. CONVERTIBLE, M. WAYNE FIELD, COMMODORE OF THE 1957 MINNEAPOLIS AQUATENNIAL. Field is president of Hope Chest Co, Inc, a half million dollar business which he founded in 1948 on a capital of \$1000. The Minnesota Junior Chamber of Commerce voted him "Outstanding Young Man of 1953" while Time magazine chose him as one of Minneapolis' "Hundred Leaders of Tomorrow".
9. FORD DEALERS FLOAT WITH QUEEN OF THE LAKES MARY ERICKSON AND AQUATENNIAL PRINCESSES JOAN FREEBERG AND JACKIE HANSON. Queen Mary rides behind an honor guard of wooden toy soldiers. Perched high above her on the backdrop is her crown, which is her symbol office. Built by Gorden Displays, Inc.
10. CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. 35 members, directed by Bob Gilbridd. They're the 1956 Aquatennial Champion Lady's Drum and Bugle Corps and are trying for their sixth straight Aquatennial win. Their uniforms are blue and gold.
11. NEW ULM AMERICAN LEGION DRILL TEAM. Twenty veterans in black and white. They're the 1956 Aquatennial Parade Champion Drill Team.
12. CONVERTIBLE, BOB BARKER, TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES. Barker, emcee of the popular "Truth or Consequences" show, appearing at Southdale at 10:30 a.m. July 22 to 26. The program may be viewed on KSTP-TV each day. Contestants will be selected from audiences in the Southdale Courtyard. No admission will be charged.
- ~~13. UNITED STATES ARMY FLOAT. No description available.~~
14. UNITED STATES NAVY FLOAT. SPONSORED BY MINNEAPOLIS MOLINE. This float is a 27 foot scale model of the USS MISSOURI, named the USS MINNESOTA (BB #2). The model is mounted on a trailer bed and pulled by a navy vehicle.

15. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RECRUITING OFFICE COLOR GUARD.
16. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE--SCOTT ATWATER FLOAT. This float has three mock-ups of our Air Force's latest jets soaring over a beautiful white cloud. Coming out from each plane are shock waves in our national colors. A queen rides on the back of the float, in front of an eight pointed gold star. 45 feet long.
17. MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD 47th DIVISION BAND. 42 marchers, all in official uniform.
18. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY SECOND BATTALION 136th INFANTRY OF THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD MARCHING UNIT. 60 men, followed by a jepp carrying the Eisenhower trophy which was won by that unit in 1956.
19. UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE, 103rd DIVISION TANK.
20. BATES ELECTRIC FLOAT--FOR THE SEABEES. This float carries a model of a bulldozer and men depicting typical Seabee wartime work. It was build by local Seabees veterans.
21. UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION BAND. This group is composed of 30 naval reserve cadets stationed at the United States Naval Base at Wold-Chamberlin. They're in official uniform.
22. UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION MARCHING UNIT. 200 naval reser ve men march in this unit.
23. BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, HIGH SCHOOL BAND. Directed by G.W. Knaak. 80 marchers in maroon and gray.
24. WOMEN MARINES RESERVE MARCHING UNIT. 30 women.
25. RACING SHELL. 60 feet in length. No further information.
26. ST. CLOUD CATHEBRAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND. No information available
27. EWALD BROTHERS DAIRY FLOAT, CARRYING 1957 AQUATENNIAL JUNIOR QUEEN AND COMMODORE. Ewald Brothers' float is a toy train complete with a chimney puffing smoke. The float itself is green and white and the train is in all colors of the rainbow. The train carries the Aquatennial Junior Queen, Kathleen Mulvehill and the Junior Commodore, Bobby Norwick. The train is scaled from a real toy train and is about fifty times life size. The float itself is 35 feet in length. Build by Gordon Displays, Inc.
28. CARS CARRYING JUNIOR QUEEN CONTEST RUNNERSUP. Runnersup and their sponsors:

Connie Paul Anderson (boy), Central Ave. Businessmen's Assoc.
Diane Konieczny, Central Ave. Businessman's Association
Stephen Salen, Edina Chamber of Commerce
Susan O'Harra, West Broadway Businessman's Association

The four were selected from 22 neighborhood winners, representing more than 500 contestants between the ages of 5 and 7

29. WESTPHAL POST AMERICAN LEGION DRUM CORPS. 24 men from Robbinsdale in green and gold. Sponsored by the Robin Plaza Shopping Association.
30. AQUATENNIAL TURTLE DERBY FLOAT. This float is an amphibious pontoon boat, publicizing the Aquatennial Turtle Derby to be held at Lake Calhoun, under the sponsorship of the Suburban Recreation Association.
31. CONV RTIBLES, AQUA OBEDIENCE DOG EVENT. The convertible carries officials of the Twin City Dog Obedience Training Club and a winner in last year's Aqua Obedience Dog Event. This year's Dog Obedience Show at Thomas Beach of Lake Calhoun tomorrow, Sunday, July 21.
32. CLOVER LEAF CREAMERY MINIATURE MILK WAGON.

33. TEDDY SNOW CROP. The mechanized life-sized polar bear who has been delighting youngsters for years with his antics in the boxing ring. He rides this year atop a blue truck.
34. CROSBY-IRONTON LADIES DRUM CORPS. No information available.
35. WCCO car with Axel, the entertainment personality for the kids.
36. WTCN AQUA-TEEN DANCE STARS RIDING IN A CONVERTIBLE.
37. AQUATENNIAL WRESTLING SHOW CAR.
38. CLOQUET HIGH SCHOOL BAND. They*ve been selected feature band of the 1957 Chicagoland Music Festival. 60 marchers in navy and gold uniforms.
39. CONVERTIBLE, MISS BLOSSOMTIME.
Miss Blossom Time of Michigan is 17-year-old Brenda Carol Tait who will enter Michigan State University in September. She reigns as Miss South Haven and Michigan Peach Queen as well. She*s 5'5, weighs 120, with brown hair and blue eyes. She*s appeared on @Strike It Rich@, the Robert Q. Lewis show, Tonite show, and spoke before congressmen and senators during Michigan Week ceremonies.
40. CONVERTIBLE, BLUE-GREY BOWL QUEEN.
Judith E. Rushin of Montgomery Alabama. A 23 year old graduate of the University of Alabama. She is doing post-graduate work in law and at the same time is employed full-time as a staff writer for the Montgomery Alabama Journal. During the past year she*s been president of the Montgomery Spinsters Club. She*s traveled extensively in Italy, Egypt, Greece, France and England. 5'5, 110 pounds, brown hair, green eyes.
41. CONVERTIBLE, DUTCHESS OF DULUTH. Sandra Puglisi, sponsored by the Ambassadors of Duluth. She*ll be a sophomore next fall at the University of Minnesota*s Duluth Branch. A 5'3 113 pound brownette with green eyes, she plays the piano and violin. Daughter of a Duluth teacher.
42. LACROSSE VFW DRUM CORPS. 37 marchers in green and gold uniforms. They*re 1956 Aquatennial Champion Drum and Bugle Corps.
43. BALLENTINE SENTINELS DRILL TEAM. No information available.
44. BALLENTINE JUNIOR GIRLS DRILL TEAM. Sponsored by Ballentine Post VFW. 16 girls in royal blue with gold uniforms.
45. HILEX FLOAT WITH ST. PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL QUEEN. Hilex proudly presents the St. Paul Winter Carnival royalty, King Boreas Rex, XXI, James F. Owens, Jr.; the Queen of Snows, Eva Wicker; the Prime Minister, and two ladies in waiting. The float is built in the shape of an elongated dumbbell and is completely covered with daisies. On the front and back of the float are two small saints bearing greetings from the saintly city to the Aquatennial. The entire float is blue and silver and is 36 feet long. The two ladies in waiting ride in outriggers, one at each side of the float. Built by Gordon Displays, Inc.
46. HILEX DRUM CORPS AND HILEX ANIMAL MARCHERS. No information.
47. CONVERTIBLE, MISS FIESTA FLAMBEAU. Barbara Lee Burns, 18 year-old San Antonio Brownette, reigns as San Antonio*s Miss Fiesta Flambeau. She was elected from more than 2500 coeds attending various San Antonio colleges as ruler of the week-long Fiesta San Yacinto. She was grand marshall of the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC, and will appear in next year's Tournament of Roses parade. Standing 5'7 3/4 and weighing 120, the hazel-eyed queen loves sports of all kinds.
48. CONVERTIBLE, MRS. FORT LAUDERDALE. Mrs. Fort Lauderdale, the only married gal riding in today*s parade is Mrs Sue Eck. She*s a brown-eyed, brown-haired fashion show co-ordinator and TV commentator. A native of Holliday, Tennessee, she stands 5'5 and weighs 115 lbs.

49. LITCHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BAND. Sixty people in green and gray uniforms, sponsored by the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce.
50. L.S. DONALDSON CO. FLOAT. The Donaldson Float shows a look into our city of the future. The float depicts Minneapolis in 100 years, complete with the projected new freeways; which run back and forth across the float. A cluster of modernistic buildings is on the float, and on each side of the float a look into future automobiles is given. At the front of the unit a future automobile which converts into a helicopter is shown landing at a heliport. The freeways and the buildings are adorned with eleven girls in silver glittering bathing suits. The float, which is 18 feet wide and 60 feet long, was built by Gordon Displays.
51. CONVERTIBLE, GATOR BOWL QUEEN. A many time queen is Joyce Van Tassel, 21-year-old Alabama Polytechnic coed who reigned as last year's Gator Bowl Queen. She was Miss Auburn in 1956, the Glomerata (yearbook) Beauty for three years, Navy Color Girl in 1955, Queen of the 1956 Military Ball, Queen of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, princess for Birmingham, Alabama's art festival, a member of the Azalea Trail Court in 1954, and was Miss Mobile in 1954. Joyce stands 5'2 and weighs 106. She has hazel eyes and dark brown hair.
52. CONVERTIBLE, MISS HOSPITALITY. Jane Fatherree of West Point, Mississippi reigns as Miss Hospitality of Mississippi for 1957. She's an 18-year-old blonde who stands 5'4 and weighs 112. Her measurements, in the usual order, 35-23-36.
53. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY DRUM CORPS. Thirty Five members in western style black and grey uniforms. They're sponsored by the Great Northern Railway and were recently reactivated.
54. UNITED HOSPITAL FUND NURSES DRILL TEAM. A marching unit of student nurses from Minneapolis hospitals participating in the United Hospital Fund drive. They were organized last year especially for the Aquatennial Parades with the help of the United States Marine Corps which provided drilling instructions for them.)
55. CONVERTIBLE, MISS INDIANA. Gloria Ruth Rupprecht, Miss Indiana of 1957. Gloria's not a stranger to royal duties. She was named Homecoming Queen of Valpariso University only six weeks after she entered the school last fall. She reigned as Miss St. Petersburg in 1956 and emerged runner-up in the Miss Florida contest the same time. She stands 5'5, weighs 120, has blue eyes, brown hair. She's a pantomime comedienne who has won numerous entertainment honors and the daughter of a Lutheran pastor.
56. MINNESOTA MINING COMPANY'S THREE M BAND. Sponsored by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company and made up of its employees. Forty marchers in yellow Eisenhower jackets and red trousers.
57. MINNEAPOLIS SAVINGS AND LOAN FLOAT. This float follows a fishing theme. Its central figure is a rowboat with a fish hanging from a fishing pole. The float is green, white, and yellow, and features an animated tree. Built by Parade Productions, Inc.
58. CONVERTIBLE, LATIN AMERICA FIESTA QUEEN. Martha Oliva, a native of Cuba, who reigns as Miss Latin America XXX. She travels to the Aquatennial from Tampa, Florida under the sponsorship of the Tampa Rotary Club.
59. CONVERTIBLE, PHOENIX RODEO QUEEN. Sue Bowman, a 20-year-old Arizona cowgal, reigns as Phoenix Rodeo Queen. She stands 5'9, weighs 130 and claims brown eyes and hair. She recently passed horsemanship screen tests at Desilu productions but plans to continue her studies at Phoenix College.

60. COLUMBIA HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL BAND. Forty marchers in blue and gold, sponsored by Peks Lumber Company.
61. CONVERTIBLE, PRINCESS KAY OF THE MILKY WAY. Barbara Jean Bossus, 20-year-old 4Her from Brainerd. She*s 5'6 and weighs 120. Her hair's auburn, her eyes brown. She*ll be a junior this fall at St. Cloud Teachers College where she*s active in speech, drama and debate.
62. CONVERTIBLE, SOUTH DAKOTA SNOW QUEEN. Shirlee Ann Stone, a 20-year-old dental assistant from Rapid City;, is this year*s South Dakota Snow Queen. She*s a brown-eyed brunette who stands 5'3 and weighs 115. She*ll be a sophomore at the University of South Dakota.
63. CONVERTIBLE, WEBSTER CITY CENTENNIAL QUEEN. Pat Fryslie, a playground director for the Webster City, Iowa, recreation department, reigns as the town*s Centennial Queen. A 20-year-o brunette with blue eyes, Pat is 5'7½ and weighs 123 lbsl. She*ll be a freshman at Webster City Junior College this fall and was her high school homecoming queen last October.
64. WADENA HIGH SCHOOL BAND. Glen Evensen, director, leads 65 marchers. Their uniforms are blue and gold. They*re sponsored by Wadena Civic and Commerce Association.
65. VOITURE 39, 40 and 8 LOCOMOTIVE. A model French World War I locomotive, sponsored by the St. Paul 40 and 8 group, an American Legion affiliate.
66. VOITURE 45, 40 and 8 UNIT. A model French World War I train, sponsored by the Minneapolis 40 and 8 and the Minneapolis and St. Lous Railway.
67. MINIATURE JEEP, REPRESENTING IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE.
68. PFEIFFER-SCHMIDT INDIANS DRUM CORPS. An American Legion Drum Corps sponsored by the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company. Its 36 members wear Indian costumes.
69. MINNESOTA STATE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION FLOAT. Our state colors of maroon and gold provide the motif for this elaborate float. The float has the official centennial emblem on its front and sides. An animated eagle flapping itsawings overlooks the front emblem. Revolving stars signify the North Star State. A four foot scale model of the State Capitol building is at the rear and behind it is a state map suspended from an arch which holds three American flags and two state flags. Three girls ride on the float. The U.S. Army is operating this float in some 67 appearances all over the state this year. to call attention to the state*s 100th anniveraary in 1958.
70. GOPHER WHEELMEN, BICYCLE UNITS. Members of the Gopher Wheelmen will ride comic and ancient bicycles.
71. AMERY, WISCONSIN, HIGH SCHOOL BAND. 48 marchers in maroon and gray directed by M.F. Simon.
72. CONVERTIBLE, MISS ALEXANDRIA. Rose Elaine McDonald, 18, 307 Lincoln Ave E, Alexandria. She is 5'3 tall, 108 pounds, brown hair, blue-green eyes. Sponsored by KXRA Radio of Alexandria.
73. CONVERTIBLE, MISS BEMIDJI. Ramona Erickson, 20, Route 6, Brainerd. She is 5'6 tall, 124 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. A junior at Bemidji State College, she works part-time as a retail clerk. Sponsored by Bemidji Junior Chamber of Commerce.
74. CONVERTIBLE, MISS COKATO. Barbara Ann Blaha, 18, Cokato. She is 5'6½ tall, 125 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. A freshman at MacPhail School of Music. Sponsored by Cokato Corn Carnival.
75. WOODROW WILSON VFW GRENADIER BAND. Sponsored by Wilson Post VFW of Minneapolis. An adult band of 55 people in red and green uniforms. Dennis Foate director.

76. WOODROW WILSON VFW GIRLS DRILL TEAM. Sponsored by Wilson Post VFW of Minneapolis. A drill team of 24 girls in maroon and gold. W.A. Halsey director.
77. CONVERTIBLE, MISS DETROIT LAKES. Angeline Refling, 18, Fertile Minnesota. She is 5'5 122 pounds, brown hair and eyes. Works as a waitress at Fertile drive-in part time. Her sponsor, the Detroit Lakes Junior Chamber of Commerce.
78. CONVERTIBLE, MISS FAIRMONT. Pamela Kay Milbrandt, 19, ;903 North Avenue, Fairmont. She is 5'3 1/2 tall, 118 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Attended Macalester College, Works part-time in father's restaurant. Sponsored by Junior Chamber of Commerce.
79. CONVERTIBLE, MISS GLENWOOD. Patricia Ann Vegoe, 18, 230 North Lake Shore Drive, Glenwood. She is 5'6 tall, 123 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Currently attending Minnesota School of Business in court reporter course. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
80. MINNEAPOLIS BREWING COMPANY FLOAT. This float depicts baseball in Minneapolis in the future. A replica of Metropolitan Stadium is at the back of the float with four girls in baseball outfits playing baseball on a diamond immediately before it. In the outfield the famous Grain Belt twins, Stanley and Albert, are shown working on a sign. The whole float is done in red and gold. It is 45 feet long, and was built by Gordon Displays.
81. HIBBING VFW DRUM CORPS. No information available.
82. CONVERTIBLE, MISS GRAND RAPIDS. Helen Heikkila, 17, Route 1, Box 146, Bovey, Minnesota. She is 5'7 tall, 123 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. A freshman at Itasca Junior College, she is employed parttime as a waitress. Sponsored by Grand Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce.
83. CONVERTIBLE, MISS GRANITE FALLS. Pat Wilson, 19, 725 9 Avenue, Granite Falls. She is 5'8 tall, 135 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. A sophomore at Colorado Women's College, she works summers as a waitress at a Minnesota resort. Sponsored by Grand Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce.
84. CONVERTIBLE, MISS HIBBING. Marilyn Joan Benson, 18, 1018 East 24th Street, Hibbing. She is 5'4 tall, 120 pounds, dark brown hair, blue eyes. A sophomore at Hibbing Junior College. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Winter Frolic Association.
85. CROOKSTON CENTRAL GIRLS DRUM CORPS. Known as the @ "Ambassadors of Goodwill". 32 members dressed in gold and blue, directed by T.W. Thorson.
86. W.A.C. VETERANS ASSOCIATION FLOAT. This float, which is sponsored by the Twin City WAC Veterans Association, Chapter 20, is a large invitation to the 1958 convention of WAC veterans, to which the local chapter will be hosts.
87. RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT MINIATURE TRUCK.
88. LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION FLOAT. This float represents over 71 million Lutherans in over 50 countries. The theme of the Third Assembly, which will be held in Minneapolis August 15-25, is @Christ Frees and Unites@. During these ten days our city will be host to over 100,000 official delegates and visitors. Dr. Carl Lund-Quist of Geneva, Switzerland, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation and Dr. Paul Luther Wetzler, Minneapolis, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the United States are seated in the towing unit.
89. LESUEUR HIGH SCHOOL BAND. 60 members, blue and white uniforms, sponsored by Green Giant Company and directed by Dean Olson.

90. CONVERTIBLE, MISS HUTCHINSON. Barbara Joan Comer, 18, 425 Washington Ave W, Hutchinson. She is 5'9, 140 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. A freshman at Carleton College she is employed as a swimming instructor by the Red Cross. Sponsored by the Hutchinson Junior Chamber of Commerce.
91. MANKATO FLOAT WITH MISS MANKATO. This float, which carries Miss Mankato (19-year-old Gladys Marie Olson--5'5, 120 lbs., dark brown hair, green eyes), is 43 feet long. It carries a pontoon boat and is sponsored by the Mankato Jaycees, through the courtesy of Kaye Yacht Company.
92. HORICON, WISCONSIN, HIGH SCHOOL BAND. 75 marchers in orange and black come to the Aquatennial from Horicon, a small town near Milwaukee. They're directed by R.J. Mortinger.
93. CONVERTIBLE, MISS MONTIVIDEO. Karen Neyhart, 19, 510 North Sixth Street, Montivideo. She is 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ tall, 130 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. A junior at South Dakota State College, she works summers as a swimming instructor. Sponsored by Montevideo Fiesta, Inc.
94. CONVERTIBLE, MISS OWATONNA. Adella Johnson, 20, Route 1, Owatonna. She is 5'4 tall, 119 pounds, brown hair, green eyes. Employed by the Josten Company as an office worker. Sponsored by Steele County Dairies and Chamber of Commerce.
95. CONVERTIBLE, MISS RED WING. Karen Jane Ekstrom, 18, 212 Broadway, Red Wing. She is 5'4 tall, 125 pounds, red hair, blue eyes. A graduate of Red Wing's Central High School, she plans to become an airline stewardess. Sponsored by Red Wing Junior Chamber of Commerce.
96. PADDED CELL BAR FLOAT, WITH BAND. A jazz band is featured on this float, which appears in a black and white stripe theme. These are the only colors on this float, which is sponsored by the Padded Cell Bar, Inc.
97. ONE QUARTER MIDGET RACING ASSOCIATION FLOAT. This unit carries eight midget racing cars which appear in the pre-parade stadium spectacular. The midget racing association is sponsored by the Breakfast Optimist Club of Minneapolis.
98. MINNEAPOLIS EAGLES MOBILE CLOWN UNIT. Sponsored by the Minneapolis Eagles Lodge.
99. MINNEAPOLIS EAGLES MARCHING UNIT. Sponsored by the Minneapolis Eagles Lodge.
100. ~~TWO HARBORS STEAMER. A municipal steamship section of Paulding County, Minnesota, will be in the parade, red trim.~~
101. CONVERTIBLE, MISS TWO HARBORS. Mary Louise Lingren, 18, 224 Third Avenue, Two Harbors. She is 5'3 tall, 100 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Sponsored by Lake County Civic Association.
102. CONVERTIBLE, MISS ROCHESTER. June M. Potts, 20, 1904 South Broadway, Rochester. She is 5'6; 120 pounds, brown hair; brown eyes. Employed as a laboratory technician at the Mayo Clinic. Sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.
103. CONV RTIBLE, DAVEY JONES PROMOTION. Davey Jones, the mystery man of the 1957 Aquatennial. A treasure-chest of prizes will go to the lucky man, woman or child who identifies Davey, in real life a prominent local businessman. He will be unmasked at Friday night's Star Night and Coromation Ceremonies in the Minneapolis Auditorium.
104. LAIDLAW POST LEGION TOREADORS DRUM CORPS. Sponsored by Albinson-Peterson Mortuary. 24 people. Black shirts, pants, sombreros, white trim.
105. LAIDLAW POST REGION RIFLEMEN MARCHING UNIT. Drill unit of 16 men sponsored by Laidlaw Post American Legion of Minneapolis.

106. AQUA JESTERS UNITS. Sponsored by the Minneapolis Star and Tribune the Aqua Jesters appear in civic festivals, hospitals, and other institutions throughout the year as representatives of the Minneapolis Aquatennial. Clowning is a hobby to these Minneapolis businessmen, who come from all walks of life.
107. CANNON FALLS HIGH SCHOOL BAND. James. W. Anderson directs these 50 marchers, sponsored by the Cannon Falls Consolidated School District. They're wearing tan trousers, maroon shirts.
108. SPARK-ETTE DRILL TEAM. No information available.
109. CONVERTIBLE, MISS ST. CLOUD. Barbara Arnhold, 18, 1532 SE 8 Ave, St. Cloud. She is 5'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tall, 104 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Sponsored by St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce.
110. CONVERTIBLE, MISS WILMAR. Marilyn C role Dawson, 19, 720 West 13 Street, Willmar. She is 5'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tall, 110 pounds, blonde hair, hazel eyes. She is employed in the transit department of the Bank of Willmar. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
111. CONVERTIBLE, MISS WINDOM. Jeannine Tams, 20, 122 $\frac{1}{4}$ Third Avenue, Windom. She is 5'6, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, blonde hair, hazel eyes. Employed as a receptionist-typist at Windom Clinic. Sponsored by Flax Days, Inc.
112. ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL BAND. 75 marchers in gold pants and coats with black trim. They're directed by Cletus McGovern and sponsored by the Teamsters Union.
113. WINONA, MINNESOTA, FLOAT WITH MISS WINONA. No information available on float. Miss Winona is Nancy Ciszak, 18, 566 Sioux Street, Winona. She is 5' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tall, 122 pounds, brown hair and eyes. Works as waitress in drive-in. Sponsored by H. Choate & Co. CORRECTION: eyes are hazel.
114. GOPHER STATE TIMING ASSOCIATION HOT ROD CARS. A caravan of several hot-rod cars with unusual accessories.
115. ZUHRAH TEMPLE SHRINE UNITS. Nine marching units offer a sample of the oriental spectacle which filled the Twin Cities this week as the Shriner nobles held their annual convention. The Zuhrah Shrine of Minneapolis sponsors the units.
116. OSSEO HIGH SCHOOL BAND. 50 students in blackwatch plaid bermuda shorts and black berets. Directed by John Kowalke and sponsored by Osseo Board of Education.
117. HIAWATHA REBEKAH LODGE DRILL TEAM. A team of 15 ladies wearing green dresses with pink kick pleats, pink capes, pink hats, green feathers.
118. ODD FELLOWS OFFICERS CARS. No more information.
119. ODD FELLOWS FLOAT. The Odd Fellows present their princess riding high on a pink and green free form shape of the future. She and her attendants are overlooking a blue foil pond on the front of the float which shows a large white mother duck and her five white ducklings and one black duckling. All ducklings are decorated with bright pink ribbons around their necks. The float is decorated in the colors of the Odd Fellow lodges--pink, green, purple, and blue predominate. Built by Gordon Displays.
120. GOPHER ELKS DRUM CORPS. Sponsored by St. Paul Gopher Elks Lodge and directed by Willie Burrell.
121. CATO TEMPLE PATROL.
122. CONVERTIBLES--CATO TEMPLE POTENTATE AND OFFICERS.

123. AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA BAND---This unit is from Winnipeg and was brought to the Aquatennial by the Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol.
124. SILVER LAKE, MINN FLOAT---Sponsored by Silver Lake Commercial club.
124. CIVIL AIR PATROL SEARCH WAGON
125. MINN. WING CIVIL AIR PATROL GIRLS DRILL TEAM---All of the girls are under the direction of Major Doris M. Olson. There are 12 girls. This team placed second in the drill team division in last year's Torchlight parade.
126. CONVERTIBLE, MISS AQUA JESTER---Irene V. Sale, 18, 5544 24th Avenue South, Minneapolis. She is 5 feet, 3 inches, 112 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. A graduate of Roosevelt high school, she is sponsored by the Minneapolis Star & Tribune Aqua Jesters.
127. CONVERTIBLE, MISS BLOOMINGTON---Sharon Marie Holme, 18, 8133 Fourth Ave south. She is 5 feet, five inches, 121 pounds, dark brown hair and dark brown eyes. A graduate of Bloomington high school, she is sponsored by the Bloomington Lions Club.
128. CONVERTIBLE, MISS ENGINEERS' DAY---Joan Pastor, 18, 4901 Queen Avenue south, Minneapolis. She is 5 feet, 5½ inches tall, 115 pounds, dark brown hair, blue eyes. ~~She is a sophomore at University of Minnesota, she toured the nation with the Ice Follies as a figure skater. She is sponsored by Engineers' Day.~~ A sophomore at University of Minnesota, she toured the nation with the Ice Follies as a figure skater. She is sponsored by Engineers' Day.
129. PATRICK HENRY HIGH SCHOOL BAND---This is the only Minneapolis school band participating in the parade. Made up of 90 members, the band is under the direction of Donald B. Moldenhauer. Their uniforms are scarlet and grey. The band is sponsored by Red Owl Stores.
130. DAYTON COMPANY FLOAT---A central "earth" is surrounded by eight planets, each of which has been lavishly decorated in keeping with present day knowledge of each body. A single color dominates each of the units as follows: Uranus is in yellow and orange, Mars in red, Jupiter in purple, Neptune in blue, Saturn in yellow and chartreuse, Pluto in ~~maroon~~ cerise, Mercury in green, and Venus in pink. Each of the "planets" is decorated as an independent unit, but all are joined to the central "earth" on which Miss Dayton Company rides. Great pains have been taken with the exotic costumes worn on the float. Many girls are draped in brilliantly hued fabrics. Yards of sequins have been used in the costumes, which were especially designed for this float. The float was built by Gordon Displays.
131. CONVERTIBLE---MISS EAST MINNEAPOLIS---Barbara Gramhill, 19, 2750 Polk Street NE, Minneapolis. She is 5-5 tall, 115 pounds, brown hair, grey eyes. She is a sophomore at University of Minnesota and employed part-time as a retail clerk. She is sponsored by Central Avenue Commercial Association.
132. MINNEAPOLIS LETTER CARRIERS BAND---This band is composed of 28 ~~Minneapolis~~ Minneapolis postmen under the direction of William A. Anderson, Jr. They are dressed in regular postmen uniforms. Sponsored by the Minneapolis Post Office.
133. CONVERTIBLE, MISS EDINA. Barbara Bement, 18, 4607 Browndale Ave, Edina. She is 5'4 tall, 110 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. A sophomore at the University of Minnesota, she is employed part-time by a dry cleaning firm. Sponsored by Edina Chamber of Commerce.
134. CONVERTIBLE, MISS GOLDEN VALLEY. Kathleen Marie Griffin, 18, 2933 Quail Avenue North, Minneapolis. She is 5'3, 115 pounds, dark brown hair, blue eyes. Employed in personnel department of International Milling company. Sponsored by Lions Club.
135. HOPKINS RASPBERRY FLOAT WITH MISS HOPKINS. Deanna Brollard, 18, 145 North 19 Ave., Hopkins. She is 5'4 tall, 115 pounds, black hair brown eyes. Employed in the stenographic department of Minneapolis Moline. Sponsored by Hopkins Raspberry Festival.

136. HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL BAND. 70 marchers in purple, grey and gold, sponsored by Hopkins Raspberry Day Association. Their director is Charles Graham.
137. CONVERTIBLE, MISS FIRE FIGHTER. Grethen Koepke, 21, 4801 S. Fifteenth Ave., Minneapolis. She is 5'6, 122 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. A senior at the University of Minnesota, she is sponsored by Fire Fighters Association No 82 of Minneapolis.
138. CONVERTIBLE, MISS NORTH AMERICAN LIFE. Sue M. Bouchard, 33710 East 50th Street, Minneapolis. She's 18 and works as a chief accounting clerk for North American Life and Casualty Company, her sponsor. Sue stands 5'6 weighs 120, has brown hair and blue eyes. She is a graduate of Minnehaha Academy.
139. CONVERTIBLE, MISS LOCAL 1145. Sheila Marie Boyle, 18, 1854 Laurel Ave, St. Paul. She is 5'7 tall, 128 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. A sophomore at the University of Minnesota.
140. LOCAL 1145 FLOAT(HONEYWELL EMPLOYEES). This float depicts life on another planet. A rocket ship in the center of the float has already arrived there and is on its way back. The girls on the float are costumed as if in the future, in pink and gold. All of the girls are employees of Minneapolis Honeywell. The float is done in blues, blue greens, in order to depict life as known on a cold planet. Two small volcanoes on the front of the float are blowing China silk. Two men from Mars ride in flying saucers at the sides of the float, which is 56 feet in length and was built by Gordon Displays.
141. HAMM'S NORTHERNAIRES DRUM CORPS. A drum and bugle corps from St. Paul, sponsored by Hamm's brewery.
142. AMES LODGE JUNIOR ELKS DRUM CORPS. Pink and Black uniforms. Leon T. Lewis Director. 25 marchers. Woodward Funeral Home is sponsor.
143. AMES LODGE MARCHING UNIT. Also directed by Leon T. Lewis and sponsored by the Ames Elk Lodge. Ten marchers in black and white.
144. NORTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE FLOAT WITH MISS NW BELL. "Phon-o-vision on Cloud 9". A depiction of the future of the home telephone. Five girls sitting in television tubes on the float, with the queen candidate perched high atop the float at the rear, in a TV tube. Her boyfriend sits beneath her, on cloud nine, looking at her picture in a phon-o-vision set. The entire float is pink and silver and is 45 feet long. Miss NW Bell is Eileen Moe, 19, 36 Sprude Place, Mpls. She's 5'4½, 115 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes.
145. CONVERTIBLE, MISS NORTH MINNEAPOLIS. Barbara Thielen, 18, 4334 Upton Avenue North, Mpls. She is 5'8, 128 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. She is employed as a BBX operator for Batten Barton Durstine and Osbourne advertising agency. Sponsored by North Side Commercial Club.
146. CONVERTIBLE, MISS PRUDENTIAL. Queen Mary Erickson's successor as Miss Prudential is Crole Helmeke, 18, 4933 Girard Avenue South, Minneapolis. She is 5'6, 118 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. A-sep She's employed as an audit clerk and sponsored by the Prudential Lakeview Association.
147. WILLMAR CLOWN CLUB UNIT. No information available.
148. ST. BONIFACE HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF COLD SPRING.
 \$5 PEOPLE IN BLUE AND GREY DIRECTED BY ROBERT F. HARRIS.
149. CONVERTIBLE, MISS NORTHERN STATES POWER. Joan M. Rickman, 20, 3407 West 28 Street, Minneapolis. She is 5'8 tall, 127 pounds, brown hair, blue-green eyes. A graduate of Minnesota School of Business, she is a stenographer for Northern States Power Company, her sponsor.

150. NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FLOAT. This float shows Reddy Kilowatt riding in a giant rocket, leaving a space station. There are two small out-rigger rockers with girls in bathing suits in them. The float is red, white, blue, and gold, and was built by Parade Productions, Inc.
151. CONVERTIBLE, MISS RICHFIELD. Shirley Ann Anderson, 20, 7132 Harriet Ave So, Mpls. She is 5'5, 120 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. A sophomore at the University of Minnesota, she is employed as a secretary at University Hospital. Sponsored by Richfield Chamber of Commerce.
152. ROBBINSDALE CITY BAND. 60 people in blue and grey. Sponsored by Robbinsdale businessmen's association and directed by Robert H. Mendenhall. They're 1956 Day Parade Open Champion.
153. CONVERTIBLE, MISS ROBBINSDALE. Karen Rorem, 18, 3727 Lee Ave, Mpls. She is 5'6½ tall, 120 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. A sophomore at Gustavus College, she is employed during summers as a general office worker.
154. CONVERTIBLE, MISS ST. LOUIS PARK. Beverly Jane Whittemore, 18, 3332 Xenwood Ave, St Louis Park. She is 5'4½ tall, 118 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. She will be a freshman at the U of M in the fall and is now employed as a clerical worker. She's sponsored by the Mayor's Queen committee.
155. BROWN AND BIGELOW FLOAT. Brown and Bigelow proudly present their toyland version of the Como Park Zoo. Sparky, the seal, is balancing a bright spinning ball on his nose. The monkeys ride an animated ferris wheel. Two giant tigers lie quietly, riding in a spinning cage. There is a throne with the St. Paul Winter Carnival Junior Royalty and a display of animal heads. The float is entirely done in gold and white.
156. WILSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF ST. PAUL. E.A. Raymond directs. Red and white uniforms. Sponsored by Brown and Bigelow.
157. CONVERTIBLE, MISS SOUTHDAL. Diane A. Carley, 19, 2220 South 25 Avenue, Minneapolis. She is 5'8 tall, 120 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. A junior at University of Minnesota, she is employed part-time as a clerical worker and holds a second part time job as a salesgirl. She's sponsored by the Southdale Center Merchants' Association.
158. CONVERTIBLE, MISS SVENSKARNAS DAG. Marcia Swanson, 18, 249 Interlachen Road, Hopkins. She is 5'4½ tall, 105 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. Enrolled as a freshman at the University of Minn, she is sponsored by Fir Svenskarnas Dag, Inc. She works summers as a camp counselor.
159. MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS RAILWAY FLOAT. is a fantasy of the sea, in pink, cerise, and green. A bridge dominates with fish, bathing beauties and a mermaid all on the float, which also blows bubbles. Built by Parade Productions, Inc.
160. DULUTH VFW GIRLS DRUM CORPS. 40 people in gold blouses and blue pants, sponsored by VFW post 1217 of Duluth. Their director is Lyle Lanhart.
161. ANOKA COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION FLOAT. This is a conservation float, stressing the @Save the Wet Lands@ program. It is actually two 16 foot floats connected together. One section shows a dried up land and conditions relative thereto while the other shows land as it would be when water has been held and intelligently used.
162. SAVAGE, MINNESOTA, DAN PATCH DAYS. This float, sponsored by the Savage Lions Club, illustrates a race horse in front of a jockey cap background. Three girls ride. This float represents the Savage, Minn, Dan Patch Days, which are held August third and fourth.

- 163; MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL BAND. Wearing navy bermudas, blue socks and white accessories, they're sponsored by the Montgomery Public Schools and directed by Erwin Schlick.
164. WISK MOUNTED HORSE UNITS. Western horse drill unit, sponsored by radio station WISK.
165. KSTP KARNIVAL WAGON. A carousel which traditionally brings up the parade rear.
166. CONVERTIBLE, M.F. (MIKE) JORDON, COORDINATOR OF PARADES. Jordan has served on the Aq7atennial parade committee since its beginning 18 years ago. In private life he is in business as owner and operator of Jordan's Specialized Typewriter Service.

THE END!!!

Mayor P. K. Peterson
Alderman George Martin
Fulton Colwell - Chamber
of Commerce

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : President, Naval War College
 VIA: Chief of Staff *CH*
 FROM : Head, World War II Battle Evaluation Group

DATE: 22 JUL 1957

SUBJECT: Trip Report (Minneapolis), 18-21 JUL 1957

1. In accordance with the plan I departed Newport for Minneapolis on Thursday evening, remained in Quonset overnight and arrived in Minneapolis at about 1400. Actually we got a strong tail wind and got there long ahead of time so that we had to fly around for a time. This was necessary so that the top people of the Aquatennial could arrive.

(a) Arrival: Upon arrival I was met first by an honor guard and band, by the head of the Aquatennial and his wife, by a number of other top Aquatennial people, by the Commander of the Naval Air Station, by the gentlemen of the press and finally by the "Queen". The temperature was about 97 with high humidity. I was interrogated by the press about a lot of matters and I think that I gave fair answers.

(b) Private Car: During my entire stay in Minneapolis I had a private car. My first car was a Plymouth--an open Plymouth--with a big sign on the side:

"Grand Marshall ← Rear Admiral R.W. Bates
 Commander-Cruiser MINNEAPOLIS"

Hope they didn't spell it that way. int. They did! See program CH.

On leaving the air station I was assigned an aide, a lieutenant commander from the Naval Air Station, and a driver (a Mr. Whitney).

(c) Minneapolis: Upon arrival in Minneapolis I had a room at the Leamington Hotel. This room was paid for by the city although I paid for my own meals. The room was excellent, large and air-cooled. At the hotel I shifted to white uniform--I had been in khaki--and then I went to the Minikahda Country Club for a reception by the Navy League.

(d) Navy League Reception: The reception was not large--there were fifty or sixty people there--but was delightful. The club is beautiful, the location on Lake Minnetonka very well chosen and the manner of service, i.e., drinks, hors d'oeuvres, very smart. I was called upon by the people of the Navy League to make some remarks which I did and read the letter from Admiral Bergen. The Chairman and the Mayor ~~who were~~ both said that they were delighted at my ease of delivery, by my well-chosen words (all done off the cuff). I was well pleased with this and felt that my visit was going to be delightful.

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TO :

DATE: 22 JUL 1957

FROM :

SUBJECT:

(e) Kick-Off Dinner: After the Navy League Party we went to the Kick-Off Dinner. This was at the Calhoun Beach Hotel. The dinner was quite a large one as all of the workers were there, fifty-eight queens and queen candidates, and numerous others. I was called upon to make an address and to receive an award from the City known as the "Honorary Commodore" Award. I was told that they only give a few of these and then only to people who have done things for the city. I was very gratified. I gave a talk on "go-getters" and worked in the go-getter joke, the bees in the bee hive, etc., and then the Queen. It was received extremely well. The President of the Aquatennial said, "Brother, you must have worked hard on that speech." I said that I had not, that I had some rough notes and had developed my thought processes off the cuff after I had learned the nature of the meeting and the character of the people present. Upon leaving the banquet I returned to the Leamington Hotel and went to a room where all the top people of the Aquatennial celebration gathered. We had a drink or two and I turned in.

(f) Parade: In the morning I was assigned a new car--an open Lincoln--with the same sign on the side and, believe it or not, driven by one of the top men in the Teamsters' Union. He was a very nice fellow. It had rained all night and was raining slightly when the parade started. This was an enormous parade, numbering about 170 floats, marching units, bands, etc. I was No. 4 in the parade. The first was the Minneapolis Motorcycle Police Escort, the second, the Police Band, the third, the ~~Marching Company~~ of the Veterans' Organization and the fourth was I. (Program enclosed). I had a wonderful time in the parade. I noticed that the vast majority of on lookers were children of all ages. I found myself every now and then talking to the children and waving at them. I found that young people from about 14 to 18 liked to say "Hay" so as I moved along I would say "Hay" to people of that age. With that the whole outfit would say "Hay". I really enjoyed the whole deal. I did part out of good will because the Navy has had a rough time there in Minneapolis, and I felt that my directive was to endeavor to raise the standard. From all I heard, I clearly succeeded. After we had gone about four miles I took a top seat in the reviewing stand so that I could see the entire parade. It was well done.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: 22 JUL 1957

FROM :

SUBJECT:

(g) Legislators' Luncheon: After the parade I went to the Legislators' Luncheon at the Hotel Leamington. This is primarily for members of the State Legislature, senators, congressmen (I don't know what they call them), city aldermen and the city council. There were at least 400 there and the luncheon started out with the usual political maneuvers. Everybody in the place was introduced to himself and his neighbor and this took much time. Finally, the Mayor's wife, who was beside me, said "You better cut your speech down". I said I would not do so, that I was going to deliver it as was. Suddenly they announced that they were going to introduce me and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Felton Cowell got up and said that that the Chamber of Commerce had been so pleased that it was going to decorate me with the Chamber of Commerce's highest decoration, the "Town Topper" Medal. This medal apparently is a higher decoration than the Aquatennial award, although in my mind there is no difference--they are both given for service to the city. To my great surprise my speech went over extremely well. I heard a great deal about it all the time and my guess is that they won't forget it. I stressed, as you remember, carrier task forces and sea power, and both of these items were taken up by the newspapers.

(h) Tour: After this I made a tour of the city with Judge and Mrs. Carroll. It was a delightful affair. We drove around Lake Minnetonka and really saw the place. I think Minneapolis is wonderful, and is an extremely lively town. After this I went up to my room and watched television, and sure enough I saw myself leading the parade. That was gratifying!

(i) Music under the Stars: After supper--which I had in my room--I went out with the Queens in my open car to the symphony concert given by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. We drove through the city for a distance of about ten miles at top speed behind a police escort. It was quite thrilling. The concert was held in the baseball park. This is the park built by the city with the hope that they will get a major league team. The concert was excellent. We got home about midnight and that was the end of my participation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: 22 JUL 1957

FROM :

SUBJECT:

(j) Sunday: They wanted me to remain over but I said no, "I had other things to do and that my plane was leaving at 1100. When I left the hotel the two top men of the Aquatennial and their wives were there and a number of the queens, so I feel that I had a nice departure.

(k) Flight Back: The flight back was by navy plane. It was pleasant although we ran into some heavy rain in the vicinity of Detroit. This ended an excellent trip, and one which I hope was helpful to the Navy. It certainly was helpful to me.



R. W. BATES

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July 23, 1957

Sir:

I have received two statements from you relative to my uniform recently purchased. I have not paid the bill because for some reason the trousers, which, otherwise fit very well, have a zipper with a base so high as to be uncomfortable, and the foot of the trousers is so thin--there is no backing to it--that the trousers do not hang correctly at the foot.

The reason for this latter trouble is that either Mr. Brandt or your own office made an error and by mistake shortened rather than lengthened them after the first fitting. Then when Mr. Brandt discovered the error, you endeavored to correct it but you had no material left in the trouser leg.

I called Mr. Brandt when I received the corrected trousers and I showed him the error. He said that it was too bad but he didn't think that the Uniform Shop had any more of the material used in this suit.

What am I going to do?

Except for this the suit is excellent, the tailoring fine, the coat fits perfectly, as do the trousers.

I had planned to write you a letter of commendation because Heaven knows we have had our problems. However, I have been unable to do it since someone ruined the trousers. I am therefore returning my bill until all is shipshape.

With the hope that you can do something about this, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. W. BATES

Officer-in-Charge
U.S. Naval Uniform Shop
U.S. Naval Activities

0491

July 24, 1957

Dear Mr. Erickson:

Now that I have returned to Newport, and have had a chance to survey my visit to Minneapolis, I cannot but recognize the fact that much of what success I may have enjoyed was due to you. The information which you gave me, and your advice to others who were writing to me about the Aquatennial, made it possible for me to arrive there, knowing, in general, what I was expected to do.

I learned a lot of things during my visit, among which were the following: That the Aquatennial celebration is a very remarkable thing; that the city of Minneapolis is equally remarkable, and that everyone connected with the Aquatennial seemed to be extraordinarily able, hard working, and filled with good fellowship.

I also learned that everyone has the highest regard for your and for your ability. Very frankly, I heard nothing to negate this view.

With many thanks for your help, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret)

Mr. Roy K. Erickson
Executive Secretary
Minneapolis Aquatennial Ass'n
116 Times Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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July 24, 1957

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

No one could have been more pleased than I was over my experiences in Minneapolis during my stay there as a guest of the Aquatennial Association.

I found that everything I did was extremely enjoyable and I thought that the entire affair was extraordinarily well done. I particularly enjoyed meeting both you and Mrs. Mitchell. Your kindness and hospitality toward me were greatly appreciated. I had the good fortune to sit with Mrs. Mitchell on two or three occasions and I found her to be lowly in every way. She was certainly very generous and considerate of my welfare.

I want to thank you as its President, and through you the Aquatennial Association, for inviting me to be the Grand Marshal of the Grande Parade. I enjoyed the assignment, and if I gave the observing public half of the happiness that the throngs gave me, I feel that I succeeded fairly well in my mission.

Your Aquatennial Association is a very remarkable organization. Of course, you know that, and have known it for some years, but I didn't know about it. Now, since I have many friends in Newport, Newport knows about it as well.

I am sorry that I had to depart, but I have a lot to do here in the Naval War College. However, I can assure you that what I saw during the two days that I was there showed me that Minneapolis is an extremely aggressive city which knows its future, and is determined to grow along firm lines where the best in human relations will always be the guide line.

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Although I plan to write Commodore Wayne Field a letter, I hope that you will convey to him and to the others concerned, my deep appreciation of the high honor the Aquatennial Association paid me, and the great privilege I felt in being its guest.

I appreciated the courtesy you extended me in giving me a personal car. I found the drivers of the Plymouth car and the Lincoln car were not only excellent drivers but very well informed on the city.

With warmest regards to you and Mrs. Mitchell, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. F. Wayne Mitchell
President, Minneapolis Aquatennial Ass'n
116 Times Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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with
Andrew Johnson*

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July 24, 1957

Dear Mr. Myers:

Now that I have returned to the Naval War College, I am taking this opportunity to thank you and the Navy League of Minneapolis for the wonderful cocktail reception which you extended to me on Friday evening, July 19th. I have always had a great affection for the Navy League. Its National President happens to be a very close friend of mine, and I believe greatly in the role which the Navy League has given itself. The Navy needs the Navy League. It is therefore wonderful to come into an inland city and see a Navy League of such character and of such vitality.

I am going to write to the National President of the Navy League, Admiral John J. Bergen, and tell him about your performance in Minneapolis.

I thought that the reception could not have been held at a more delightful place. I think that the Minikahda Country Club is one of the most beautiful clubs I have ever seen, and I thought that its location could not have been better chosen. Overlooking as it does, Lakes Minnetonka, it has a view second to none.

Finally, I want to say that I thought that the whole affair was delightful, the liquor and hors d'oeuvres served beautifully, and I felt highly honored.

I appreciated your friendly comments concerning my remarks. If I did well it is just because it is not too difficult to speak to able and cosmopolitan people such as those who compose the Navy League in Minneapolis. They are all a happy lot, and the wives are particularly lovely and charming.

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With best regards for your courtesy, and
assurances of my great esteem, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Leslie W. Myers
President, Minneapolis Council
Navy League of the United States
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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July 24, 1957

Dear Mayor:

I am writing to you to tell you of how much I enjoyed being a guest of the Aquatennial and to have the privilege and pleasure of seeing your wonderful city. I think Minneapolis is a beautiful place. I was very impressed with the great green parks, with the many lakes, and with the general good sportsmanship of the people. Cities like ships reflect their leaders. Therefore, I feel that Minneapolis has been extremely fortunate over the years in having had leaders of vision and imagination.

I noted with considerable interest the various projects that the city is contemplating, and, in fact, is doing. Notably among these are the symphony orchestra which I heard play in "Music Under the Stars" and the baseball stadium with which Minneapolis hopes to entice a major league team to their fair city. The Aquatennial itself is probably the greatest example of all. All of the leaders are definitely go-getters of great consequence and the success of the Aquatennial shows their ability to translate vision into action.

I was extremely happy to meet Mrs. Peterson. She is a very fine and wonderful looking lady, and as I told her, she reminds me a great deal of one of my nieces.

Once again let me thank you for the privilege of being a guest of the City of Minneapolis and let me tell you further how much I enjoyed meeting you and your wife.

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With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Honorable P. K. Peterson
Mayor of the City of Minneapolis
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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July 24, 1957

Dear Commodore Field:

This letter is to tell you how much I appreciated everything you did for me during my visit to Minneapolis. I realize that the Commodore of the Aquatennial is largely the Executive Vice President and I could readily see that you are extremely capable in that position. Insofar as I am concerned everything connected with it was splendid and I enjoyed every moment.

I was quite impressed with the kindness of the Aquatennial Association in awarding me the Honorary Commodore Plaque. Of course I realize that I obtained it primarily because I was captain of the MINNEAPOLIS, but I also hope that I obtained it because the high command liked what they had seen of me. As a matter of fact Mr. Mitchell said that the Aquatennial had awarded the plaque to me because I had commented to him upon arrival that he was the first land-based full admiral that I had seen on duty in an inland state in my naval career.

I think you have tremendous responsibilities in running your Aquatennial. I say that you are running it because Mr. Mitchell said you are. In view of the fact that each day has so many events it is a wonder to me how you organize them so smoothly. (I noted little confusion).

I was very impressed with the Queens. I like Miss Mary Lou Erickson very well and I can see your regret at losing her. However, the old cry, "The Queen is dead, long live the Queen", still presents and still has character. Therefore, I have no doubt that your new Queen will be equally successful.

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Finally, I want to commend your secretary, Mr. Roy K. Erickson. He seems to be extremely able and is always on the spot when needed.

Once again let me thank you for everything, and let me repeat my great satisfaction in having been invited to be part of your Aquatennial celebration.

With kindest regards to you and to your charming wife, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Commodore M. Wayne Field
Minneapolis Aquatennial Ass'n
116 Times Building
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

0500

July 24, 1957

Dear Captain Gill:

This letter is to thank you very much for the highly efficient way in which you brought me to Minneapolis and returned me back to Quonset Point, R. I. I enjoyed the trip very much both ways, and found that both of the plane commanders and the crew were very capable and courteous. Because of this I should like to commend to you the pilot of the plane on the 19th, Lieutenant Commander R. E. AKINS, USNR, and the pilot of the plane on the 21st, Lieutenant Commander C.R. Rehan, USNR.

The trip from Quonset Point to Minneapolis was unusually smooth; the trip in return somewhat rough in the Michigan area, but otherwise excellent.

I want to thank you very much for assigning me an aide, Lieutenant Commander Robert Praetsch. He did an excellent job under most difficult circumstances and I plan to write a letter about him.

In addition, I wish to write letters to everyone who was connected with this affair. I have asked Mr. Whitney, the driver, and Lieutenant Commander Praetsch, the aide, and everyone else, to insure that I get all the data necessary. If you will put a bee under them it would be very nice.

I know arrangements were made by you to collect a great deal of public information. I should appreciate your courtesy if you would send what

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information you have to me immediately as the President of the Naval War College is anxious to make an official report thereon to Washington. (Pictures, film, etc., would be fine).

Once again let me thank you for everthing. I judge from the comments around town that you are extremely well thought of and that your departure is viewed with great regret.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Captain F. F. Gill, USN
U.S. Naval Air Station
Minneapolis, Minnesota

0502

July 24, 1957

Dear Mr. Colwell:

I felt highly honored at the Legislators' Luncheon to be decorated by you with the Town Toppers Medal. I have shown it to the President of the Naval War College and to the Staff. They are quite impressed. I understand that the award of this medal is rather rare and because of this I am even more gratified.

I realize that I have been awarded the medal largely because I commanded the MINNEAPOLIS successfully during World War II, but I like to think that it was also awarded because having met me you thought I was entitled to it.

I don't know whether you issue citations or not, but I think that it would be nice if I could receive a citation together with this medal. The military always award a citation with a medal, and I should like very much to have one for your medal so that I can frame the two. Would it be asking too much to ask you to do this?

In closing let me tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to Minneapolis. It is a very lively city and I am sure will go a long way into the future. The Chamber of Commerce, of course, is in a large way responsible for this success and I wish to congratulate you and the Chamber of Commerce because of it.

Finally, I wish to say what a pleasant experience it was to meet you. You are clearly a very fine

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gentleman of undoubted ability. No wonder
you are the President of the Chamber of Commerce!

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Felton Colwell
Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

0504

July 25, 1957.

Dear Jack:

It was a great pleasure to talk to you yesterday, and to report to you about the Navy League in Minneapolis. Very frankly, this seemed to be a very active council, and appeared to number some of the more prominent citizens. By prominent, I do not necessarily mean social, but prominent in business and civic affairs.

The party the council gave me was delightful. It was held at the Minikahda Country Club, which is on Lake Minnetonka, and the whole setting was quite lovely. Somewhere between fifty and sixty people attended. Mr. Myers, the President of the Minneapolis Council, said that he had expected more people, but that the frightful temperature (97°F) had downed all but the hardiest.

As I told you, I spoke to the council for about ten to fifteen minutes on naval matters and Navy League matters, and, finally, I read your wonderful letter. The members of the league and their wives all had the same viewpoint--it is most friendly and warm. For this, I give you thanks!

I hope you have a wonderful trip to Argentina, and that all will be well with our good friend Joe.

With best regards to you and to your family, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

Rear Admiral John J. Bergen, USNR
40 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

0505

July 25, 1957

Dear Judge:

I cannot begin to tell you how delighted I am that I visited Minneapolis. Not only did I have a wonderful time, but I had an opportunity of renewing my acquaintance with you, and, through you, I learned to know your wonderful wife. This was indeed a pleasure.

I wish to thank you for your interest in my behalf. I feel that it was you, primarily, who was the driving force behind the invitation to be the Grand Marshal of the Aquatennial Parade.

Needless to say I enjoyed my part in the Aquatennial greatly. I think that it is a most remarkable affair and the Aquatennial Association very unusual, and clearly very able. I found the parade a lot of fun. I say this advisedly, for, although I have marched in many parades, and have often been at the head of the parade, I have never noticed so many children as I noted in Minneapolis. Therefore, my concept of my duty as Grand Marshal was one of interest in American youth, and a desire to make friends. This, I hope I succeeded in doing.

I found the kick-off dinner interesting and well done, and I thought that my address, which was off the cuff, was well received. As for myself, the principal item, of course, was the presentation of the five battle flags to the city at the Legislators' Luncheon. I was very pleased to note that both you and Mrs. Carroll remained throughout, and seemed to feel that things were going well despite the fact that the "Queens" departed early. This latter point was an unhappy one to me, as I think the Queens should know the manner in which their menfolk go to war today.

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Finally, I want to say that the party given by the Navy League was the most delightful event of them all. The Club is beautiful; the service excellent; the view from the open porch magnificent, and all of the guests delightful.

I have told Mrs. Kane that I saw you, and she remembered you immediately. She said the magazine which you sent her was much appreciated, and that the information contained therein relative to London in winter, was correct. So there you are, you are always thinking about and doing things for somebody. I think that is a wonderful trait!

Once again let me thank you for your thoughtfulness to me, and let me further say that I treasure your friendship greatly.

With very best regards to you, and to Mrs. Carroll, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Honorable Paul Carroll
308 Court House
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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25 July 1957

From: Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN, 009027/1103
To: Chief of Naval Operations
Via: President, U.S. Naval War College

Subj: Official visit to Minneapolis, Minn.; report of

Encl: (1) Photograph of Minneapolis Aquatennial Association's
Honorary Commodore Award
(2) Photograph of Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce's Town
Zopper Medal
(3) Newspaper clippings from Minneapolis Star and Minneapolis
Tribune

1. During the period 19-21 July, I visited the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the guest of the Minneapolis Aquatennial Association. I had been invited by the Association to be the Grand Marshal of the Grande Parade, and I seized the opportunity to present to the City five battle flags which had been flown by the USS MINNEAPOLIS (CA-36) during certain operations in the Pacific during 1943-1944.

2. Upon my arrival in Minneapolis, I was met first by an honor guard and band; by the President of the Aquatennial Association and his wife; by a number of other top Aquatennial people; by the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station; by the gentlemen of the press; and finally by the "Queen". I was interrogated by the press, and I think that I gave fair answers. I was put up at the Leamington Hotel where I had a wonderful air-cooled room at the expense of the Aquatennial Association.

3. During my entire stay I had a private car. My first car was a Plymouth--an open Plymouth--with a large sign on the side reading:

"Grand Marshall
Rear Admiral R. W. Bates
Commander-Cruiser MINNEAPOLIS"

On leaving the airport I was assigned an aide, a lieutenant commander, from the Naval Air Station.

4. I was a guest as follows:

a. Navy League: I was a guest of the Navy League at a cocktail reception at the Minikahda Country Club located on Lake Minnetonka. I estimate that about sixty members were present. The affair was delightful, the club located in a position such that it has a magnificent view. I read to the group a letter from Rear Admiral John

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J. Bergen, USNR, President of the Navy League, which, by the way, was a nice letter, and one much appreciated by the Minneapolis Council. I also talked to the group for about fifteen minutes on naval matters, after which I was highly complimented by the President of the Minneapolis Council on my ease of delivery and the substance of my talk.

b. After leaving the Navy League party I went to the Calhoun Beach Hotel where I was a dais guest of the Aquatennial Association at the Kick-Off Party. At this party top members of the Association were introduced. The Queens and Queen candidates and matters of that nature were the order of the evening. At the dinner I was introduced in a very nice fashion, and I was given a plaque making me an Honorary Commodore of the Aquatennial Association of Minneapolis. This is supposed to be quite an honor!

c. The next morning, 20 July, I was the Grand Marshal of the Grande Parade, where I rode in an open Lincoln with the sign referred to above on it. The parade was quite long. There were roughly 170 floats or units, some of which were quite extensive, i.e., those representing the Shriners. I thought the parade was an excellent one and I enjoyed the honor of heading it.

The parade, which started a little after 0900 was over at about noon. I did not head the parade throughout the whole time because, after a while, I left the parade and joined the reviewing stand.

d. On completion of the parade I went to the Leamington Hotel where I was a dais guest at the Legislators' Luncheon. Here, a considerable amount of time was spent in introducing aldermen and members of the State Legislature. After this was over, I was introduced, and decorated with the Chamber of Commerce's highest order, the Town Topper Medal. I have been informed that this is a higher decoration than the Honorary Commodore Plaque. However, this is largely hearsay.

I presented five battle flags at this luncheon to the Mayor; to the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and to the aldermen. I talked for about fifteen minutes to an audience of about 400. My talk was very well received and the President of the Aquatennial Association said that they had had Arthur Godfrey and others there, but that mine outdid them all.

e. After this I went on a tour of the city for the next couple of hours and then attended one of the Aquatennial Association features, i.e., the Minneapolis Symphony in "Music Under the Stars". It was excellent.

5. I enjoyed my visit to Minneapolis. I think that my visit succeeded in improving relations between the city and the navy, which, apparently had been somewhat strained. In fact, Captain F. P. Gill, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, said to me upon my departure, "Whether you know it or not, you have been very successful here, and you have eased my problems greatly".

6. I am enclosing herewith photographs of the two awards given me and some newspaper clipping which I found in the newspapers Sunday morning.

7. I believe that Minneapolis is a coming city with excellent leadership, and great vision. I, therefore, feel that if other flag officers are invited to attend the Aquatennial in the manner in which I was invited, they should accept.

R. W. BATES

July 26, 1957

Dear Captain Hogan:

I am writing to you about Captain Harry M.S. Gimber, Jr., who is currently in my office. If you will recall, I spoke to you about him some-time ago because at that time we thought that he was not ill enough to be retired, and I wished to keep him in my office.

However, this is all changed now as in April he evidently came down with a heart attack. As a result he appeared before the PEB in Chelsea yesterday, 24 July, and is being recommended for transfer to the TDRL. The board indicated that the records would be mailed to Washington by the end of the week. He understands that in the routine handling of a case, ordinarily about three weeks elapse.

Based on the assumption that the Physical Review Board will confirm the recommendation of the PEB, and that he would, in the course of events, be retired on 1 September, he would be grateful for early receipt of department orders so that he can make timely arrangements to give up his house, for disposition of household effects, and the numerous other details incident to transfer to the retired list.

I would appreciate your kindness if you would advise what you have decided to do on the premise.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

R. W. BATES

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